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1. MARVIN KALB - CBS RADIO FROM JERUSALEM -- BECAUSE OF THE COLSON-ERLICHMAN AFFIDAVIT ALLEGING THAT KISSINGER WAS PRESENT AT A CALIFORNIA MEETING IN JULY 1971 WHEN DAVID YOUNG, A FORMER KISSINGER AIDE WAS RECRUITED TO HELP IN THE SO-CALLED PLUMBERS OPERATION, THE SECRETARY HAS HAD TO TAKE TIME OUT FROM HIS BUSY DIPLOMATIC SCHEDULE TO DRAFT A DENIAL OF THESE STORIES. THE SECRETARY IS STICKING TO HIS ORIGINAL DENIAL, THAT HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE FORMATION OR FUNCTIONING OF THE PLUMBERS, NOR DID HE KNOW THAT YOUNG HAD JOINED THE PLUMBERS. KISSINGER HAS MAINTAINED PRIVATELY THAT THE MEETING ERLICHMAN REFERRED TO TOOK PLACE IN A HELICOPTER RIDE FROM LA TO SAN CLEMENTE AND THAT, HE SAID, WAS HARDLY THE PLACE WHERE THE FORMATION OF THE PLUMBERS WAS LIKELY TO BE DISCUSSED. KISSINGER HAS SWORN UNDER OATH BEFORE THE SFRC LAST SEPTEMBER THAT HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE PLUMBERS AND THAT REMAINS HIS STORY. RUSH

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